

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, we hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**IR-ATR-BASED PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR ANALYSING VERY SMALL AMOUNTS
OF SAMPLE IN THE NANOLITER RANGE**

the specification of which is attached hereto.

the specification of which was filed on June 23, 2004 as Application No. 10/561,130.

In the event that the filing date and/or Application No. are not entered above at the time I execute this document, and if such information is deemed necessary, I hereby authorize and request my attorneys/agent(s) to insert above the filing date and/or Application No. of said application.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by an amendment, if any, specifically referred to herein.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me that is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

FOREIGN PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

no such foreign applications have been filed

such foreign application have been filed as follows:

EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION

| Application Number | Country | Date of Filing | Priority Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. § 119 |
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| 10328998.4 | Germany | June 27, 2003 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION

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CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(e), of any United States provisional patent application(s) listed below:

no such U.S. provisional applications have been filed.

such U.S. provisional application have been filed as follows:

| Application Number | Date of Filing | Priority Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. § 119 |
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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of the United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information that is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available to me between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

no such U.S./PCT applications have been filed.

such U.S./PCT application have been filed as follows:

| Application Number | Relationship | Parent Application | Date of Filing |
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby appoint:

ALL PRACTITIONERS AT CUSTOMER NUMBER 30223,

all of the firm of **JENKENS & GILCHRIST, a Professional Corporation**, 225 West Washington Street, Suite 2600, Chicago, IL 60606-3418, as my attorneys and/or agents, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, provisionals thereof, continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals, appeals, reissues, substitutions, and extensions thereof and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, to appoint any individuals under an associate power of attorney and to file and prosecute any international patent application filed thereon before any international authorities, and we hereby authorize them to act and rely on instructions from and communicate directly with the person/assignee/attorney/firm/organization who/which first sent this case to them and by whom/which we hereby declare that we have consented after full disclosure to be represented unless/until I instruct them in writing to the contrary.

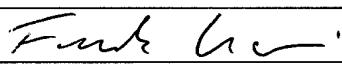
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